

**Limit on
Participation**

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to: 1) the public comment portion of regularly scheduled Board meetings designated for that purpose for nonagenda items; or 2) with respect to an agenda item at regularly scheduled or special Board meetings, as permitted by this policy. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

Guidelines

The following guidelines shall apply to public comment:

1. Individuals wishing to address the Board must complete a registration card and submit it to the presiding officer or Board secretary before public comment session begins, to speak to nonagenda items and before the Board considers an agenda item, to speak on that agenda item. Speakers shall indicate on the registration card the topic on which they seek to speak.
2. Questions and comments must be addressed to the Board, not to individual persons.
3. Three minutes shall be allotted to each speaker who wishes to address agenda items. This public participation shall be before or during the Board's consideration of the agenda item. Questions and comments addressing specific agenda items may not extend to any other issue.
4. A group of three or more speakers shall be permitted to appoint a spokesperson to speak on any issue for no more than five minutes.
5. Three minutes shall be allotted to each speaker who wishes to comment on nonagenda issues. This type of public participation shall be during the audience participation session at 6:00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Board meeting, whichever comes first.
6. A speaker may address an issue only once during each Board meeting. A speaker may not speak on the same issue or topic during both the audience participation session and the agenda item portion of the meeting.
7. Speakers may not yield any portion of their time allotment to any other person.
8. Speakers or others who make personal attacks against individuals or use abusive or defamatory language or gestures shall be ruled out of order and may be escorted from the Board room by security staff.

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9. Expressions of hostility, including handheld placards and behaviors such as booing, clapping, or cheering, shall be prohibited before the Board.

Public Comment At regular meetings the Board shall allot a maximum of 45 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board on nonagenda items. Public comment on nonagenda items shall start at 6:00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Board meeting, whichever comes first. The Board President shall have the authority to ask the Board to extend the public comment portion of the meeting when deemed necessary.

Board's Response Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Complaints and Concerns

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the person shall be referred to the appropriate policy [see list below] to seek resolution:

1. Employee complaints: DGBA
2. Termination of employment: DCD and DF series
3. Instructional materials: EFA
4. Publications and prior review: FMA
5. Student or parent complaints:
 - a. General complaints: FNG
 - b. Complaints about sexual harassment: FFH
6. Student discipline: FO series
7. Alternative education: FOC and FOCA
8. Expulsion: FOD and FODA
9. Public complaints: GF

Disruption

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.